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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PE, PI, GS

SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO BEGIN ON TERRORIST ATTACK ON BUS

REF: STATE 63489

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TRY TO TALK WITH SADAT AND SUGGEST, IN MY NAME, DESIRABILITY OF HIS SENDING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BEGIN EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES FOR LOSS OF LIFE IN SATURDAY'S TERRORIST ATTACK ON TOURIST BUS. SADAT WILL RECALL THAT WHEN YOUSSEF AL-SIBAI WAS ASSASSINATED BEGIN SENT PUBLIC MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES TO AL-SIBAI FAMILY AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. SATURDAY'S RAID WITH ITS TRAGIC TOLL IN LIVES WILL HAVE DEEP IMPACT ON ISRAELI EMOTIONS AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES,
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WHICH IN TURN COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON ISRAELI NEGOTIATING STANCE. MESSAGE FROM SADAT CLEARLY DISSOCIATING EGYPT FROM SUCH SENSELESS TERRORISM WOULD THEREFORE BE WIDELY APPRECIATED IN ISRAEL, COULD HAVE PROFOUND POSITIVE IMPACT ON BEGIN, AND WOULD HELP TO KEEP THIS INCIDENT FROM DERAILING NEGOTIATIONS. POINT WE WOULD STRESS TO SADAT IS THAT HE HAS DONE MUCH,

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BEGINNING WITH HIS JERUSALEM VISIT AND INCLUDING MOST
RECENTLY HIS INITIATIVE IN REESTABLISHING PERSONAL

COMMUNICATION WITH PRIME MINISTER, TO TURN ISRAELI
PUBLIC ATTITUDES AROUND AND TO IMPROVE CLIMATE FOR
NEGOTIATIONS. IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF EGYPT
NOW, THROUGH OMISSION, ALLOWED SEEDS OF DISTRUST
AND SUSPICION TO BE PLANTED. POINT CAN BE ADDED
THAT MESSAGE OF REGRET AND CONDOLENCES FROM SADAT
WOULD ALSO HAVE FAVORABLE IMPACT ON U.S. PUBLIC
ATTITUDES WHICH WILL UNIVERSALLY CONDEMN THIS ACT.
IF SADAT IS RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA BUT WANTS ANY
MESSAGE KEPT PRIVATE, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT EVEN
A NON-PUBLICIZED MESSAGE WOULD BE HELPFUL, THOUGH
LESS SO, BUT AS SADAT KNOWS THERE IS NO GUARANTEE
IT WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL IN ISRAEL. VANCE

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